

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER FOR AND NOTICE
SOUTH DAKOTA INTRASTATE PIPELINE)	OF HEARING
COMPANY TO RECOVER ADDITIONAL)	
COSTS)	NG00-001

On February 15, 2000, South Dakota Intrastate Pipeline Company (SDIPC), filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) seeking an amendment to its rate schedule. According to its application, SDIPC is seeking an amendment to its rate schedule to provide for an increase in its transportation rate charged to its only customer, Montana-Dakota Utilities Company (MDU). SDIPC proposes to make the change in its rate effective as of April 1, 2000. On March 1, 2000, MDU filed a Petition to Intervene in this docket. The deadline for intervention was March 3, 2000.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 1-26-17.1, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22 , and 49-34A-23. At its regularly scheduled March 14, 2000, meeting, the Commission granted MDU's Petition to Intervene.

A hearing shall be held at 1:00 p.m., on November 9, 2000, in Room 464, State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota. The hearing is open to the public. All persons testifying shall be subject to cross-examination.

The issue at the hearing is whether the Commission shall grant SDIPC's request to amend its rate schedule to provide for an increase in its transportation rate charged to its only customer, MDU.

The hearing shall be an adversary proceeding conducted pursuant to SDCL Chapter 1-26. All parties have the right to be present and to be represented by an attorney. These rights and other due process rights shall be forfeited if not exercised at the hearing. If you or your representative fail to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, the Final Decision will be based solely on the testimony and evidence provided, if any, during the hearing or a Final Decision may be issued by default pursuant to SDCL 1-26-20. After the hearing the Commission will consider all evidence and testimony that was presented at the hearing. The Commission will then enter Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and a Final Decision regarding this matter. As a result of this hearing, the Commission shall determine whether it shall grant SDIPC's request to amend its rate schedule to provide for an increase in its transportation rate charged to its only customer, MDU. The Commission's Final Decision may be appealed by the parties to the state Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court as provided by law. It is therefore

ORDERED that the hearing shall commence at 1:00 p.m., on November 9, 2000, in Room 464, State Capitol Building, 500 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, on the issue of whether the Commission shall grant SDIPC's request to amend its rate schedule to provide for an increase in its transportation rate charged to its only customer, MDU.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, this hearing is being held in a physically accessible location. Please contact the Public Utilities Commission at 1-800-332-1782 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you have special needs so arrangements can be made to accommodate you.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 2000.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner